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Attorney General Alan Wilson Recognized with Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility's 2014 Leadership Award

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) The Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility (Responsibility.org), a national not-for-profit organization, is recognizing South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson for showing outstanding commitment to fighting drunk driving and underage drinking. General Wilson is being recognized by Responsibility.org with the 2014 Leadership Award for his extraordinary efforts to eliminate drunk driving and underage drinking in South Carolina.

General Wilson has made it a priority to prevent underage drinking for many years through various efforts including public service announcements, the Ask, Listen, Learn Program, and public awareness efforts during Alcohol Awareness Month and back to school timeframes. Additionally, General Wilson has worked diligently to prevent impaired driving and successfully championed the passage of Emma's Law this year which mandates the use of ignition interlocks for all convicted DUI offenders. His efforts have raised public awareness on the importance of these issues and led to expanded programs throughout the state.

"I am honored to receive this award," Wilson said. "This past year, the fight to strengthen our DUI laws and pass Emma's Law in South Carolina was extremely important to me. As the father of two children, I cannot fathom losing a child to a reckless crime such as drunk driving. As I prepare to begin my second term as Attorney General, I will continue fighting to improve safety on our roads so South Carolina continues to be a safe place for our families."

"Attorney General Wilson has been a tireless advocate for the people in South Carolina," said Ralph Blackman, president and CEO of the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility. "We can't thank the Attorney General enough for his dedication and leadership to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking by sending a clear and consistent message that it is illegal and will not be tolerated. We look forward to continuing to work to save lives in the future with Attorney General Wilson."

About the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility

Formerly known as The Century Council, the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility (Responsibility.org) is a national not-for-profit that leads the fight to eliminate drunk driving and underage drinking and is funded by the following distillers: Bacardi U.S.A., Inc.; Beam Suntory, Inc.; Brown-Forman; Constellation Brands, Inc.; DIAGEO; Hood River Distillers, Inc.; and Pernod Ricard USA. For more than 23 years, Responsibility.org has transformed countless lives through programs that bring individuals, families and communities together to guide a lifetime of conversations around alcohol responsibility. More information is available at www.responsibility.org.

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